GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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PROMOTION OF EDUCATION AMONGST SCS/STS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Article 46 of the Constitution directs the State to promote with special care educational and other interests of the weaker sections of the people particularly in respect of the SCs and STs;

(b) if so, the steps taken by way of enactment of laws 'to promote with special care' the educational interests of SCs and STs and to empower them educationally by providing opportunities to eligible persons from SC and ST communities to serve in higher echelons of administration such as Vice-Chencellors of Central and other State run Universities who receive grants from UGC; and (

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) According to UGC, directions have been issued to universities for implementation of reservation policy for persons belonging to SCs and STs in admissions, recruitment in teaching and non-teaching posts, fellowships, accommodation in hostel/staff quarters, etc.. The Commission has also constituted:

i) Monitoring Committee for persons belonging to SCs/STs, and

ii) Standing Committee for persons belonging to SCs/STs to oversee the implementation of reservation policy in universities.

For the post of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities, there is no provision of reservations and selection is done on merit.